**REMARKS** 

Claims 32-47 are pending. Claims 1-31 were canceled in a preliminary amendment. Claims

32-38 were previously canceled. Claim 39 is canceled herein. Claims 40, 41, 42, 43 and 45 are

amended herein. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in light of

the amendments made herein.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 40 indicated by the Examiner as containing allowable subject matter has been

rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of base Claim 39. As mentioned above,

Claim 39 is canceled herein. Thus, no contested claims remain in the application. Accordingly, the

Applicants respectfully submit that all the remaining claims in the application are in condition for

allowance.

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## Conclusion

In light of the above-listed amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the remaining Claims.

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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